

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0178

State land parcels-event hosting.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Berger, Brown,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; authorizing the office of
2 state lands and investments and the department of state
3 parks and cultural resources to use specified state land
4 parcels for events; specifying requirements for the use of
5 state land parcels for events; specifying the disposition
6 of revenues generated from events on state land parcels;
7 providing an appropriation; requiring rulemaking; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-124 is created to read:

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14 **36-4-124. State land parcels; event hosting;**
15 **requirements; revenues.**

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2 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
3 resources is authorized to utilize state land parcels for
4 revenue-generating events in accordance with the following:

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6 (i) No state land parcel shall be utilized for
7 revenue-generating events under this section without the
8 board of land commissioners first granting approval for use
9 of the parcel in accordance with this section;

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11 (ii) The department shall utilize only state
12 land parcels in Teton county as determined by the
13 department, in consultation with the office of state lands
14 and investments, that would provide the best opportunity
15 for generating the maximum amount of revenue from each
16 parcel through the hosting of revenue-generating events on
17 each parcel;

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19 (iii) The department shall use not more than
20 five (5) event sites on each parcel identified in paragraph
21 (ii) of this subsection;

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1 (iv) The department may hold any
2 revenue-generating event on the parcels identified in
3 paragraph (ii) of this subsection, including, without
4 limitation, weddings, concerts, corporate events and other
5 social events;

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7 (v) The department may construct or install or
8 enter into a contract for the construction or installation
9 of temporary structures that are dismantled after use for
10 the hosting of revenue-generating events on the parcels
11 identified in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

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13 (vi) The department may lease or enter into
14 contracts for concessions or other services associated with
15 the revenue-generating events on state land parcels
16 identified in paragraph (ii) of this subsection. Leases or
17 contracts entered into under this section shall be in
18 accordance with W.S. 36-4-110.

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20 (b) The department of state parks and cultural
21 resources shall deposit not less than quarterly, less any
22 fees or costs associated with implementing this section,
23 all revenues generated from all revenue-generating events

1 held on the parcels identified in paragraph (a)(ii) of this
2 section in the common school account within the permanent
3 land income fund.

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5 (c) The department of state parks and cultural
6 resources, in consultation with the office of state lands
7 and investments, shall promulgate all rules necessary to
8 implement this section.

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10 **Section 2.** There is appropriated three million
11 dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the school foundation program
12 reserve account created by W.S. 21-13-306.1 to the
13 department of state parks and cultural resources for the
14 period beginning on the effective date of this act and
15 ending June 30, 2026. Funds appropriated under this section
16 shall be expended only to implement this act, including but
17 not limited to conducting due diligence on the state land
18 parcels on which revenue-generating events may be held
19 under this act, developing site criteria for the parcels,
20 developing a business plan for holding revenue-generating
21 events, securing a concessionaire in accordance with this
22 act and any other expenses related to planning and holding
23 revenue-generating events on the parcels identified in this

1 act. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and
2 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds from this
3 appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2026.

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5 **Section 3.** The department of state parks and cultural
6 resources, in consultation with the office of state lands
7 and investments, shall promulgate all rules necessary to
8 implement this act.

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10 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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15 (END)